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Subject: SHPO Clearance for Replacement of Volume 11, Energy West Mining Inc., PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/0018, Task ID #2093, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Dykman:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is currently reviewing the Rilda project for the Deer Creek Mine.

This proposed project may not increase the permit area, but will disturb approximately 14 acres for facilities and operations. The site is approximately 12 miles up Huntington Canyon. Refer to the Rilda Canyon 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map SW1/4NE1/4, section 29, T.16S. R.7E.

The Division requests concurrence from SHPO with our determination for the Rilda Canyon project. The following provides pertinent information that may be useful during the consultation process. The list is not inclusive of all surveys of the area, but includes pertinent or current surveys:

- Senulis J (Senco-Phenix) September 30, 2003
 - ◆ Utah State Project Authorization NO. UO3SC0793f.
 - ◆ Location (USGS Quad; Township Range Section T/R/S):
 - Rilda Canyon, Utah and Hiawatha, Utah; T16S/R7E/S 22, 27, 28
 - ◆ Recommendations:
 - Senulis does not recommend any historical properties as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). A finding of “no historic properties affected” is appropriate and the project should receive clearance without stipulation. There is only a remote chance of finding undetected resources in the future.
 - 42EM1332 historical property was previously listed, but Senulis does not consider the project will impact this site because it is not within the facilities area.

- Senulis J (Senco-Phenix) July 28, 2004
 - ◆ Utah State Project Authorization NO. UO4SC0518f.
 - ◆ Location (USGS Quad; Township Range Section T/R/S):
 - Rilda Canyon, Utah and Hiawatha, Utah; T16S/R7E/S 22, 28, 29
 - ◆ Recommendations:
 - Senulis recommends 42CB3236 historic property as eligible for listing in the NRHP. Senulis considers that if the Permittee follows the 2004 MRP, a finding of “no historic properties affected” is appropriate for the project. Senulis supports a stipulation to test 42CB3236 if the Permittee changes the MRP in a manner that will adversely affect this site. The test should include determining the degree of vandalism and extent of deposition. Senulis recommends that SHPO and USFS develop a mitigation plan.
 - Senulis does not recommend the other three historic properties in the NRHP. A finding of “no historic properties affected” is appropriate and the project should receive clearance with the stipulation for 42CB3236. There is only a remote chance of finding undetected resources in the future.
 - ◆ Division comments: The report details that 42CB3236 is on land owned by CO-OP Coal Development Company. The Division’s technical analysis requires the Permittee to follow the consultant’s recommendations concerning 42CB3236.

The Senulis documents also describe old mines within or adjacent to the proposed facilities area that were developed in the late 1930’s and 1940’s. These mines include the Leroy, Jeppson, Comfort, Rominger, and Helco mines. Volume 11 (2004) approximate dates of operations for these historic mining projects within the Rilda Canyon area. The associated map (400-1; DS1880D) illustrates locations and boundaries of these historic mining sites. The historic mining sites listed here have been previously determined to be not eligible for listing in the NRHP.

The Division assesses that the Permittee should not conduct additional historic resource surveys or evaluations at this time because:

- The proposed facilities area is not near eligible sites: 42EM1332 or 42CB3236.
- There are no known NRHP eligible sites within the facilities area.
- There is little probability of unknown NRHP eligible sites within the facilities area.

The Division supports Senulis’ recommendations and has determined a finding of “no historic properties affected” is appropriate for the proposed project. The permit should receive clearance without stipulations.

The Permittee plans to start the project sometime in 2005. We would appreciate your response by April 6, 2005 so we may proceed with the review

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process. If we have not heard from your office by the set date, we will consider that SHPO concurs with the Division's findings. If you have any questions about this project, please call me at (801) 538-5286 or Jerriann Ernstsens at (801) 538-5214.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor

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